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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT

DATE: February 25, 1963

FROM : Inspector I. Bearon

SUBJECT: Scientology Investigation
(Addenda to my Memo of 2/21/62)

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I told (Mr. Shubat) that while I appreciated his offer, I did not think that I could accept it without clearance. I told him that, in my judgment, the best course would be for me to transmit this information to Washington, and await instructions from that point.

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